

Glad Tidings



Through sun and storm a California pine holds fast to a stony hilltop.

—Mouli

Editorial . . .

They Meant Well, But .

Pal, a mongrel collie pup, lost one thing and found another. He maintained a long and lonely vigil at the top of the shaft of an abandoned mine near Joplin, Mo.; not even the big political conventions in Chicago could distract him. Sympathetic onlookers found themselves with a growing interest and an active imagination. Something important to Pal must be at the bottom of the shaft. Touched by the faithfulness of the dog and fearing tragedy, his human friends had no rest until the water was drained out and the object of Pal's pathetic devotion retrieved. After seven days of pumping from the 135-foot shaft, at a cost of \$700, they brought to an end Pal's 25-day watch. They "rescued" a four-inch bone, none improved by its long submersion.

Because the interest of the world omits the claim of God, too many lives sidetrack the use of time and effort to look for treasure where no treasure is, and find there nothing more to show at the end of the struggle than they who were so sure the collie pup had lost his master down the shaft.

The misplaced devotion of this age, that pattern of thinking which measures success by dollars and cents, has colored many lives, driving some to live only for the gain which they can get by whatsoever means they can, and leaving others with the feel of failure because they have not succeeded in keeping up with the Joneses or made the nest egg hatch into the wealth they'd like. Appearance doesn't change the fact however sincere the heart. What's there is there and nothing more. Let every man put first things first and live his best for Christ, thankful for his prosperity, if such he has, and thoughtful of his debt to Him Who died that all might live who put their trust in Him.

The Apostle Paul wrote: "*The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*" Jesus said: "*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*" To the Colossians was written: "*Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*" —M. M.

*'Tis not the wide phylactery,
Nor stubborn fast, nor stated prayers
That makes us saints; we judge the tree
By what it bears.
And when a man can live apart
From works, on theologic trust,
I know the blood about his heart
Is dry as dust."*

—Alice Cary

Night Vigils

I have been in that old church in New England where Jonathan Edwards preached his great sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." He had a little manuscript which he held up so close to his face that they couldn't see his countenance. He went on and on, the people in the crowded church were tremendously moved. One man sprang to his feet, rushed down the aisles and cried, "Mr. Edwards, is there no mercy with God?" Other men caught hold on the backs of the pews lest they should slip into perdition.

I have seen the old pillars around which they threw their arms when they thought the day of judgment had dawned upon them. The power of that sermon is still felt in the United States today. But there is a bit of history behind it.

For three days Jonathan Edwards had not eaten a mouthful of food; for three nights, he had not closed his eyes in sleep. Over and over again he had been saying to God, "Give me New England! Give me New England!" and when he rose from his knees and made his way into the pulpit, they say he looked as if he had been gazing straight into the face of God. They say that before he opened his lips to speak, conviction fell upon his audience.—J. Wilbur Chapman

Efficiency

Remember the parable of the talents—the story of the three servants who had received talents, five, two and one, respectively?

When their master returned they all gave an account of their stewardship. The first two had doubled their capital. Each of them said so in fourteen words and their work was pronounced, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The third servant had accomplished absolutely nothing but his report took forty-two words, three times as long as the other two reports.

Don't be like Servant Number Three. Make good! Don't explain your failure! Do the thing you are expected to do! Then you won't have to waste time in giving reasons why you didn't, couldn't, or wouldn't or shouldn't!

Efficiency gives the soul-satisfying joy of making good. Doing your work just a little better than anyone else could do it gives you the margin of success.

Nothing is easier than fault finding. No talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character are required to set up in the grumbling business.

A determined soul will do more with a rusty monkey wrench than a loafer will accomplish with all the tools in a machine shop.

Cogs

An untrained eye could never have seen
Where a little cog wheel in a great machine
Was whirling around at a rapid pace—
Until it came loose and fell from its place;
But soon as the cog to the floor did drop,
The machine slowed down and came to a
stop.

For it, with its balance all askew,
Could not do the work it was meant to do.
You may be a cog in a big machine,
And feel that your labor's unnoticed, un-
seen.

That the part you play is so very small,
You might just as well not be here at all;
But just call to mind that in God's great
plan,

There's a place for ev'ry woman and man.
That if you drop out, your duty forsake,
Another cog then your place must take.
The out-of-place cog, its usefulness lost,
Like a masterless life, with the scrap may
be tossed,

But if it's restored to the place it had been,
A new round of service it then may begin;
In doing its part, no matter how small,
Finds a small place better than none at all;
And you'll learn, if you stick and see the
task through,

That you'll do the work that is yours to do.

—Selected.

"Nothing can compensate the church or the individual Christian for the lack of the Holy Spirit. What the full stream is to the mill wheel, that is the Holy Spirit to the church. What the principle of life is to the body, that is the Holy Spirit to the individual."

—F. B. Meyer

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Many found the true God because . . .

God Sent the Rain

By W. W. Simpson

When I went to China in March of 1892 Tibet was known as the great closed land. I met Dr. J. Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Inland Mission, in Shanghai, May 5, 1892. When he saw my credentials from A. B. Simpson, president of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, appointing me to preach the gospel in Tibet, he approved my purpose to go there as a missionary, but he warned me that it would be at least ten years before I could enter that closed land. He told me that their missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Polhill-Turner, had been riot out of Sunnan only the year before, and he advised me to go to some unoccupied place in interior China and wait for Tibet to open. But I read Revelation 3:8 and took courage.

After spending two years in language study, one year in travel to learn the ways of China, I arrived on the border of northeast Tibet, at Taochow, and opened my first station there April 7, '95. On May 17 of the same year I crossed the Tao River, the real boundary separating Tibet from China, and began studying the Tibetan spoken language. Many Tibetans, curious to see the foreigner, came to the Buddhist temple where the Lama in charge was teaching me. And thus Tibet began slowly to open its door.

Returning to central China in the fall, I was married December 5, and returned to Taochow May 12, 1896. Many Tibetans visited us during the ensuing years, and I traveled to some of their villages, conversing with them about our Lord Jesus and His salvation. In May, 1899, wife and I, with a few other missionaries who had joined us in that distant region some 2,000 miles from Shanghai, took a small tent and itinerated among some Tibetan villages. We were generally welcomed, but in one place we had trouble.

Stopping conveniently near three important villages close to the river, we had just set up our tent and were getting things in order when five head men came and told us we were not allowed to locate there. Asking why not, we were told the weather was very dry; they had no rain for months. Their crops were dying, and they were praying to their gods for rain. Our presence there would prevent their gods from sending rain, because we did not worship them. We tried to reason with them that we worshiped the true God, Creator of heaven and earth, Who alone was able to send rain and every good and perfect gift.

Brother Simpson has spent most of his life as a missionary in the interior of China and in Tibet.

But they insisted we must go. Finally they said it was getting late and we could stay one night, but that we must leave the next morning. After they left we committed everything to the Lord, took supper, and retired to rest, confident that He Whom we served would care for us.

Next morning, hearing a pheasant in a field near by, I took my gun and went after him. I got him and proudly brought him into camp. The head men had come while I was away. When they saw me with the pheasant, they cried out, "Now you've spoiled everything! You've committed murder! We'll never get rain. Our lamas told us to forbid taking life of any kind. Now you must go!" We again tried to reason with them telling them of the one true God Who loves us and sent His Son to put away all our sin by His death on the cross, and that they would get rain sooner by believing in Him than in chanting prayers to their false gods. While we argued it suddenly became cloudy, and soon it began to rain, at first gently, then increasingly. One head man put his hand outside and exclaimed, "Why it's raining!" We all went out and enjoyed the refreshing drops. Soon the men left us and nothing more was said.

It rained all day, all night, all day the next day, and was still raining hard the second night, when a man rode up

and called out, "Please stop the rain." I said, "I thought you wanted rain." "Yes," he answered, "but we've had enough now. I must set up the frame of my house tomorrow, and if it continues raining I cannot do it." I said, "We cannot control such matters." "But," he said, "You brought the rain, surely you can stop it." He rode off saying, "Now, don't forget, please stop the rain."

The next morning the sun was shining bright. They erected the house, and all were so kind. We stayed many days telling everybody of Jesus Who has all authority in heaven and earth. The news of our God's sending rain spread far among the Tibetans and did much to open northeast Tibet to the gospel.

In June, 1936, I went to Gow Wang, across the Yangtse from Nanking, for meetings. The pastor said it was impossible because of long drought and spies had reported that the Japanese army was coming four days later. I said, "Never mind, the Lord will take care of His work." We began the meetings with good attendance.

The soil in the rice fields was so dry it was cracking and the plants wilting. We asked the Lord to undertake. The morning of the fourth day it was raining hard, and it continued all day. The roads were so deep with mud the Japanese army couldn't move. The drought ended, and the Lord gave us a wonderful meeting; many were saved, baptized, and filled with the Holy Spirit. Even the heathen acknowledged it was a miracle.

Can God send rain? I know He can. I have seen Him do it.

The Majesty of the Ministry of the Word

By Helen F. Jarvis

In the first few verses of the sixth chapter of Acts there is an account which is generally considered to be the record of the appointment of the first deacons. Be that as it may, there is a definite thought expressed in verses 2 and 4 concerning the importance of the ministry of the Word.

The apostles had been compelled to take time from the ministry of spiritual matters and to devote their energies to the natural affairs of the church. This became a great burden to those who had had the gracious privilege of hearing, seeing, looking upon, and handling the wondrous Word of Life (1 John 1: 1-3). Moreover, they had received a special commission to minister it to others. Therefore, it seemed unreasonable to have ordinary business, which could be discharged by other well qualified persons, crowd out the greater ministry. Most any sensible, wise man could feed a group of neglected aggrieved widows.

Interesting enough, the men selected also exercised a fruitful ministry of the Word, but it was of a different order.

Later the Apostle Paul actually worked with his hands. So it was not so much the performing of natural tasks, but the peculiar emphasis and perspective that must be given to the Word of God that was at stake.

"The ministry of the Word" is a particular, special commitment to certain individuals by the mighty call of God. All believers are instructed to study, to witness, to proclaim the precious truths of the gospel, and to win others to the cause of Christ. "The ministry of the Word" is something far more sacred, and in the case of the apostles it was to have a special purpose in the laying of the foundation of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is a definite relationship between Christ and ministering the Word. He IS the Living Word, and the ministry thereof is to set forth that Word by writing and speaking. It was said of the apostles that they preached Christ. They had been with Him, and He was the theme, heart, center, and core of

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Rock of Ages

By J. Narver Gortner

Away back in the depths of the Carlsbad Caverns, two or three miles from the entrance and several hundred feet below the surface of the ground, there is a formation that has been called the "Rock of Ages." Water that contains a mineral content is slowly falling upon it, a drop at a time, and the mineral content has caused the formation through a long period of years. Those who have made a special study of the matter, and are regarded as competent to express an opinion, have told us that the present rate of accumulation of mineral substance indicates that a million years have been required for the rock to form, and so they have dubbed the formation the "Rock of Ages."

Whether or not the conclusion reached concerning the period of time required for the formation of the rock is a correct conclusion is, of course, a matter of conjecture. We cannot say definitely, for the reason that the statement can neither be proved nor disproved. It is safe, however, to say that no rock that is material in its nature is worthy of being called the Rock of Ages, even though it may be a million years old, for the expression "Rock of Ages" means *Rock of Eternal Ages*,—a Rock with neither a beginning nor an end, and the only rock we can say this concerning is He with "neither beginning of days nor end of life." Heb. 7:3.

When our Lord said to His disciples, "Whom say ye that I am?" Peter, who usually acted as the spokesman of the little group, immediately replied, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matt. 16:16. Our Lord proceeded to say that flesh and blood had not made this revelation to Peter, but "my Father which is in heaven," and then He added, "And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18.

What our Lord said He *would* do He *has* done, and *is doing*, for the church is still in process of being built; the work has been going on ever since the foundation was laid at the beginning, and the work will not be completed until "the fullness of the Gentiles shall come in." We believe that the time for the completion of the spiritual structure is at hand, and that we shall not have to wait long until the last "living stone" (see I Peter 2:5) shall have been carved out by divine hands, and duly polished, and placed in its proper place in the "spiritual house" that is to be throughout eternity "an habitation of God through the Spirit." Eph. 2:22.

The church, then, is being built upon Christ, not upon Peter, as the Roman Catholics assert; nor upon the confes-

sion Peter made, as many Protestant interpreters have told us, but upon Him whom Peter confessed, namely, "*the Christ, the Son of the living God.*"

Our Lord, in concluding His sermon on the Mount, said, "Whosoever heareth these words of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon *the rock* (the definite article is in the Greek, and so I am putting it in the translation): and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon *the rock*." Matt. 7:24, 25.

Undoubtedly our Lord, when He spoke of "the rock" meant Himself, for it was as true that day as it was in Paul's day that "other foundation can no man lay that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." I Cor. 3:11. This foundation is the Rock of Ages.

A notable passage in Isaiah that ought to encourage our hearts and be a source of strength and inspiration to every one of God's children, is the 26th chapter, the fourth verse, "*Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.*"

Practically all Bible readers are acquainted with the fact that when in our translation we find *Lord* printed in small capitals it indicates that in the original the divine title is *Jehovah*. It will be noted that in this passage in Isa. 26:4 *Jehovah* appears and is printed in large capitals and that the preceding *Lord* is printed in small capitals; so in the original text the divine title *Jehovah* appears here twice in succession. There is only one other passage in the Bible where the title thus occurs twice and in succession (Isa. 12:2), and it will be noted that in each of the passages the emphasis, so far as man is concerned is upon "trust," and so far as God is concerned is upon "strength."

The significant thing about the passage in Isaiah 26:4 that I call particular attention to is that, instead of "everlasting strength," the marginal rendering which is a literal rendering of the Hebrew is "the rock of ages." So, putting the margin rendering into the text, we have this significant passage, "*Trust ye in Jehovah forever: for in Jehovah JEHOVAH is the Rock of Ages.*"

The Bible teaches us that God was in Christ when our Lord was here in the flesh, and that Christ is in God. Many passages could be cited, but I shall cite but one. "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, *which is in the bosom of the Father*, he hath declared Him." John 1:18. It was after our Lord had been here in the flesh, and had died, and had risen from the dead, and

had ascended into heaven, that John wrote his Gospel. From the *bosom of the Father* Christ came for His earthly ministry, and back to the *bosom of the Father*. He went after that ministry had been completed and the work He came into the world to do had been accomplished. So He is "in the bosom of the Father" now, and we can truly say that "in Jehovah JEHOVAH is the Rock of Ages."

This old world has always been jittery, but it appears to be more jittery than ever, and he who so asserts should no longer be called a calamity howler. Fear is gripping many in high circles. Much has happened to shake the confidence of humanity in the ability of man to solve his many problems and chart a course for the future, and more is happening all the time; so the souls of men and women who have no sure footing upon the Rock of Ages, or refuge in that Rock, are doomed to fear. But when we who are safe in Christ look around us and see the conditions that obtain in the world our hearts can well rejoice, for the world's troubles that are causing the hearts of the ungodly to fear and quake are to us an indication that the end of this present evil age, from which we have been redeemed, is very near, and the end of this evil age spells for us the beginning of a new era when the prophecy shall be fulfilled, "*Behold a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.*" Isa. 32:1.

On this old earth of doubt and dearth,
In Christ God meets my need;
My prayer is heard and answered when
His blood is all I plead:
For when I cry my God is nigh,
Redeemer, Father, Friend;
He will fulfill in me His will,
And guide me to this end.

I need not dread approach of death,
Should death to me draw near,
For death can bring—since of its sting
It has been robbed—no fear.
There is a place where, by God's grace,
My needs are all sufficed,
And all below, that place can know,
Who safely hide in Christ.

Oh, Christ, my Rock, I'll hide in Thee,
Though Satan rage and fume,
Though storms assail, and wild winds wail,
And sinners fear their doom;
Tho' lightnings flash, and thunders crash,
And billows madly roll,
And nations fail, and strong men quail
With fear from pole to pole;

Though cities fall, and mountains tall
Shall from their base be thrown,
And chaos reign, and earth with pain
In her mad anguish groan!
Thou, Christ, the Rock of Ages art,
And I, complete in Thee,
Sustained by grace, shall see Thy face,
And in Thy likeness be.

Thanks For the Grand Trip to Europe

By R. J. Thurmond

Having left Oakland by plane the night of June 17, I was met at the airport in New York the next afternoon by my son Carl and his family, who live in Morristown, New Jersey. I stayed with them until the night of June 24. While I was with them we made a trip to Washington, D. C., and Mount Vernon, and took in several of the sights of interest around our National Capital.

At midnight of Tuesday the 24th, we were ready to embark for the crossing to London. After going out on the field to take off, we learned that one of the motors did not work so well. The plane was taken back to the hangar and we were held up until seven o'clock in the morning, when we finally got on the plane again and were soon in the air and on our way to Gander, Newfoundland. There were 58 adult passengers aboard plus one baby and a crew of seven. We landed at Gander without any trouble and went on to Iceland. From Iceland we flew to Amsterdam, Holland, and then to London, landing there on Thursday afternoon. We had been about 20 hours in the air. It was a delightful trip and we surely had a blessed time of fellowship with a grand group of Christian ministers. We saw little of the ocean or land until we came down through the clouds for landing at each of the airfields. Planes are marvelous. They fly through the heavens at some 14 to 16 thousand feet, travel hour after hour, and land safe at their destination. The pilots have great faith in their planes and justifiably so. We landed in London in the terrific heat wave which we had been feeling on the East Coast, and it continued on through the entire time we were on the European continent.

In London it was our privilege to attend the World Pentecostal Conference. It was indeed a blessing to see the hundreds of delegates and visitors of like precious faith. We understand that there were some 1400 registered representatives from 30 countries. With the British folk there in London, it made a great congregation every night to pack Westminster Hall. For the closing sessions they had to divide it for services in two different places, both of which were packed to capacity.

The convention was conducive to a better understanding of a co-operative working principle among the various national groups. This convention was much better attended than were the former two, and reports were that there was a more blessed spirit of unity and co-operation. Everyone who so desired was given an opportunity to express his views about the matters presented. The sub-

jects were mainly of missionary interest, as well as problems of evangelism and of radio work.

Brother David du Plessis, who was the General Secretary of the convention, was loved and respected by all; however he did not permit his name to come up again. The International Fellowship is without a general secretary until such time as someone else is appointed. The presidium consisted of five brethren who represented some of the leading countries, such as the United States, Great Britain, Sweden, Switzerland, and South Africa.

Brother Umberto Gorietti of Rome, who is superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Italy, gave a long documentary charge that though the Italian constitution has a clause guaranteeing religious liberty, it is accorded only to religious bodies possessing governmental recognition before the adoption of the constitution. So Italian Pentecostal churches are not recognized. A resolution was unanimously passed that all represented bodies, from 30 countries, stand behind the appeal of the Italian churches and their plea for religious liberty in Italy. A committee composed of Brother Lewi Pethrus, Noel Perkin, and Hugh Dawson of England, together with four other advisory members was appointed to serve as a commission on religious liberty. The conference also took a strong stand for immediate adoption and application of indigenous methods of missionary work, with the view of turning over the oversight to the national groups at the earliest practical date. The opinion was expressed that 10 years would probably be the limit for foreign missionary work in many mission fields.

The fourth world conference is being planned for 1955. It will probably be held in Stockholm, Sweden. The interim advisory committee was appointed. It consists of Donald Gee of England; Lewi Pethrus of Sweden; Leonard Steiner of Switzerland, and J. R. Flower and Noel Perkin of the United States.

The condition of our General Superintendent, Brother Steelberg, was continually on all our minds and much prayer was made in his behalf, but the Lord saw fit to take him home. We can only say Amen, and bless God for the precious memories of personal association and for his leadership among us in the old Pentecostal paths.

At the conference from our District were Brother L. R. Keys from San Francisco; Robert Carrington and Berger Knutson of Turlock; Evangelist Jennie O'Brien and Mrs. Clyde Hansen of Sac-

ramento, and Chaplain James Duguid, now stationed in Germany.

While attending all the conference that I possibly could, I also tried to get in as much traveling around as possible. Of course I visited Westminster Abbey. One evening I went to the Parliament, where I saw Prime Minister Churchill and heard quite a discussion for over an hour over one of the bills that was up before the British Parliament. As well as seeing the changing of the guards, which is quite picturesque, I also visited London Tower and Madam Tausauds waxworks, took a boat ride on the Thames River, and had several tour rides around the great city of London, the largest in the world according to statistics. New York ranks second and Paris third. It was quite interesting to take some rides on London's great underground electric railroad system. Some of the tubes are three stories below ground, for there are three levels of tracks, having escalators taking you from one level to the other. One could readily see how it was possible for tens of thousands of people to go to these for bomb shelters during the last war. There is still much evidence of the bombing in London. However, the rubble has all been cleaned up, only the shells of buildings are standing in many places, even in the heart of the great city.

It was my privilege to preach at two services in a church about 20 miles out in the suburbs of London. I was entertained royally despite the food rationing. They said that I was the first American preacher to speak in the church.

I went with Chaplain Duguid to Frankfort, Germany. After a train ride to Dover, we crossed the English Channel to Ostend, Belgium, a trip of 67 miles. It was the roughest boat ride that I have ever been on. Most everybody got sick because of the terrific storm. We went by train from Ostend to Frankfort, going through Brussels, Belgium, and then on into Germany, along the Rhine up to Frankfort. We saw several castles along the Rhine. The land is well cultivated, not only with necessary grains and vegetables, but also with wonderful vineyards on the hillsides. It seems that there is no waste space at all. The Rhine river is navigable. Boats were going and coming and tugs were towing long barges with the much needed shipping from place to place. From the train we could see the ruins in the bombed cities as we went through them. It seems that all the cities had a great deal of damage done to them.

Brother and Sister Duguid took me to Worms, Germany. It was headquarters of the German princes and rulers at the time of Martin Luther. Luther was called before them and the dignitaries of the Catholic Church, and there he took his stand for justification by faith and walked out on them. His friends

tried to persuade him not to go to Worms, but he said if there were as many devils in Worms as there were tiles on the rooftops he would go anyway. He did, and made a great place in Christian history. The old city wall is still in existence, and the place where Martin Luther had to go through the gate of the city is still there as is the place where they say he was spirited out of the city.

After a visit to Mannheim we went to Heidelberg, which is noted for its great university, as well as the ancient Heidelberg castle. I visited Camp Coleman, where Brother Duguid is stationed. It is close by Mannheim.

After two days with Brother Duguid and family, I went on alone by train to Hamburg, where I met Brothers Richard Ruff, Hal Herman, Fred Wulf, and also Brothers Joseph Wilderman and Ben Kummerfeld. I was entertained in the home where Brother Herman is staying. It was my privilege to stay with him the two nights that I was there attending the opening of their tent meeting. They had five weeks of red tape to go through before they finally had everything in readiness for the meeting. The tent was half full the first two nights and hundreds were milling around on the outside, showing great interest, and there was every evidence that the tent, seating about 1500, would be packed within the next few days. There was a good number who came to the altar at each service, and the local pastor was rejoicing at the results.

It is my understanding that Brother Ruff and Brother Herman were going to take the tent on to Berlin for the next meeting if it were possible. God bless these good brethren in their efforts there. It surely is a needy field. Brother Wilderman and Brother Kummerfeld, who were teachers in Glad Tidings Bible Institute, were ably speaking the German language and had had good results in the meetings they held at Marne. It was a joy to have fellowship with them. Brother Kummerfeld bought one of the small German cars. He and Brothers Ruff, Wilderman, and I took a trip around the city and saw the ruins in many of the sections. Hamburg was badly bombed during the war.

We found plenty to eat in Germany and the food was good. There was no rationing like in England. They had good coffee, which could not be found in England.

I left the brethren and went by plane to Berlin, visiting both the East and West sectors. The red flags were on most all the buildings in the East sector. It makes one wonder at the fanatical zeal of the Communists. I saw where Hitler's bunker was, and his headquarters, now nothing but rubble. There were many things of interest to see. Because of the vast devastation wrought through bomb-

ing, it will take two generations at least before Germany can come back to the place it had before the war. It was a privilege to visit with Pastor Voll and his wife and daughter. They graciously showed me around some, and I saw where they held their Sunday services in the British sector, right across the street from the East sector, which is Russian. All small groups are forbidden to hold services in the East sector, where most of his flock live and where he formerly had his church. He felt it might be only a matter of time until his people would be forbidden to come across the line for worship. Surely we need to pray for them.

I returned from Berlin by plane to Stuttgart and had a pleasant stay there, meeting some of our missionaries who are teaching school. Sister Emma Decker was in charge of the girls school in the absence of Brother and Sister B. T. Bard, whom many of us know. This is the headquarters of Brother Gustav Kinderman, who is the European Missionary Secretary. It was my privilege to speak to the student body and have a time of spiritual fellowship with them. God bless the efforts that are being made there. The school is conducted in two terms. The girls come for the summer months, the boys for fall and winter. Thank God for this Pentecostal Bible school, which is training German young people to take the message of Jesus Christ in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit to their own people.

Brother and Sister Kinderman took Brother Wallace Bragg, pastor of Highway Tabernacle in Philadelphia, and I by car to Basel, Switzerland. It took around six hours. There we stayed overnight. It was a pleasant trip through the southern part of Germany and was of great interest to us as we saw the farmers plowing with cows and hauling with them. The people came out of the cities on their bicycles and work in the fields, cutting the grain with hand scythes, binding it by hand, and loading by hand. The roads were cobblestone, very narrow, and the cities are centuries old. The people live frugally and seem to be happy, making the best of the situation. Down through the centuries the country has seen many wars, but the last two have probably been the worst of all.

I took a train to Zurich, Switzerland, in a heavy rainstorm which cooled things off temporarily as the heat was terrific everywhere. Zurich is a beautiful modern built city near a beautiful lake. From there I went by train through the Alps to Milan, Italy, and on to Rome. The scenery was beautiful. Some of the peaks were snowcapped. They said one tunnel we went through is 10 miles long. The trains are electric; so we did not have to worry about cinders. Windows

were down from the top, letting us enjoy a good breeze, as well as the scenery.

The terminal at Rome is claimed to be the most beautiful and largest in the world. It was built with Marshall Plan money. A marvelous piece of marble work, plate glass and chrome, it has 24 tracks coming into it. Hotels are close by. I stopped at the Nuova Roma for five days while taking several sightseeing tours throughout the city of Rome and outlying sections. The old city is inside the Roman wall, which still stands in many places. The streets and sidewalks are narrow. Outside there are new apartments, modern buildings. I visited some famous art galleries where I saw beautiful paintings, marble work, and statues. Of course I visited Vatican City and St. Peter's Cathedral, which holds 60,000 people. They say that Peter's body is buried there and many other bodies of the popes. I visited St. Paul's, St. John's, St. Mary's and many others which have wonderful mosaic work in the ceilings and marble columns and pillars. In some cases it has taken hundreds of years to build them. Some mosaics have taken eight to twenty years to complete. I took a ride on the Appian Way, where Paul walked many a time. As well as the Colosseum where the early Christians suffered martyrdom, I visited two of the catacombs, one catacomb, three levels deep with over eleven miles of underground passageways. It surely makes one think.

The early Christians did not have an easy time, but suffered much for their testimony. God help us in these days of ease and pleasure to be more faithful and more devout. As you see the devoutness of the people and yet realize they do not know Christ in the experience of regeneration, it touches one's heart. There is one place called the Holy Stairs, which are 28 marble steps brought over from Pontius Pilate's Judgment Hall. They claim Jesus walked on these steps, which are so holy to them that no one is allowed to walk on them. Those who go up on them must go on their knees. Crowds are continually doing this, praying and weeping as they look up to the cross with the crucified Christ. They then can walk down either side. It is said that there are around 400 Catholic churches in Rome, over 20,000 priests, and thousands of nuns.

Our Pentecostal church is a plain building on the "wrong side of the tracks" as we might say in this country. From the outside you would not know it is a church, but it is very nicely arranged inside, and seats many hundreds. There are two floors of apartments over it. There the superintendent of the churches in Italy lives, as does also the pastor and his family. The offices of the Assemblies of God of Italy are there. The general

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officers were away as was the pastor, but I met the pastor's wife and some of the other folk. One of the young evangelists, Brother Toppe, was very gracious and took me for a tour over some of the city and to one of the catacombs..

I went by plane from Rome to Paris, flying over the Alps. It was surely a beautiful sight to see the snow-covered mountain peaks. It seemed at times we were nearly skimming the tops of them.

I enjoyed the four days stay in Paris very much. The first night there was the coolest we had on the entire trip, as there had been a storm. The food was good in both Italy and France, extremely high in France. In fact everything was high. They have worse inflation than we have in this country. I took several tours in Paris, visiting churches, which seem to be the prime interest of the agencies due to their antiquity. There are also notable government buildings, Napoleon's tomb, great wide avenues and various monuments and triumphal arches, and, of course, the Eiffel tower. I went up this and took several pictures of the city. Also visited Versailles to see the palace of Louis XIV and the beautiful gardens and lakes around it. The peace treaty of 1919 was signed there. It is an old world everywhere on the continent of Europe. Tradition and antiquity hang on. There are places in all these countries that are centuries old, some back to the second century, many in the sixth, eighth, ninth, eleventh, fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. It makes one realize that the United States is but a young nation compared with the nations across the seas.

Brother Keys and Brother Carrington took the Palestine trip. We met again at Paris, where we took the same plane back to New York with many of the others who had stayed over in Europe taking trips. From Paris we went to London for the evening meal, then on to Ireland, and then to Gander, Newfoundland, and on to New York.

Everyone was happy to land in New York; we were all about ready to kiss the ground of the good old USA. We all shouted Hallelujah and gave thanks

SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER

- 1—South Modesto Acres
- 8—Crockett, Leggett, Newark
- 15—Benicia, Elko (15, 16)
- 22—Central Valley, Tranquillity, Watsonville (Pajaro)
- 23—Happy Camp

OCTOBER

- 6—Modesto (Bethel), Oakland (108th Ave.)
- 13—For Bragg, Martinez
- 20—Cotati, Ely
- 21—Tulelake
- 27—Chowchilla (Alamo), Gridley, Salinas (Alisal)

to God for a safe journey to the land of our birth and the land of religious freedom—the land which God has graciously blessed, which was founded by our forefathers, who came here desirous of serving God, not in bondage to customs and traditions, but in spirit and in truth. May God ever keep this country that way we pray.

I enjoyed two days again in New Jersey with my son Carl and his wife and the two grandchildren and then took the plane home for California, landing back here July 25, all in all spending about five weeks on the trip, which was greatly enjoyed and deeply appreciated.

Words cannot express my thanks to our Superintendent, Brother Gaston, and the fellowship who made this trip possible. Little did I ever think of having such an opportunity. As offerings came in with many kind words that were expressed and written, my heart was melted with the blessings of a fellowship that surely means much as I felt the love we have one for another that is given us of God. It would be a great joy to see any and all of you make such a trip. God grant that many of you shall have this opportunity. Again I say many thanks and God bless you one and all.

Beatitudes For Pastors

1. Blessed is the pastor who is sanctified wholly, dead to everything—people, place, and filthy lucre—and called of God to shepherd the flock. He shall be happy.

2. Blessed is the pastor who, with a vision, has his eyes open, watching for every opportunity to advance the cause of God. He shall be wanted.

3. Blessed is the pastor who is not lazy nor slovenly, about himself, his dwelling place, or the church building, in which he preaches. He shall be respected.

4. Blessed is the pastor who does not blame wife, children, church officials, or any one else for his failures. He shall have cause to rejoice.

5. Blessed is the pastor whose wife is an example to the women of the flock in dress, deportment, and housekeeping. He shall have a prize far above rubies.

6. Blessed is the pastor whose children are under control. He shall be able to take care of the church of God.

7. Blessed is the pastor who gets familiar with neither his church members nor his neighbors. He shall always have friends.

8. Blessed is the pastor who does not discredit the work of his predecessor and who is not offended when the former pastor is highly spoken of. He shall be well liked.

9. Blessed is the pastor who does not write back to the members of his former charge, giving them advice and telling his own needs. He shall not suffer from a guilty conscience.

10. Blessed is the pastor who does not let the tales of woe or gossip heard during the week affect his Sunday morning message, but having received his message from above, he feeds the flock of God. He shall be a shepherd indeed.

—Sel.

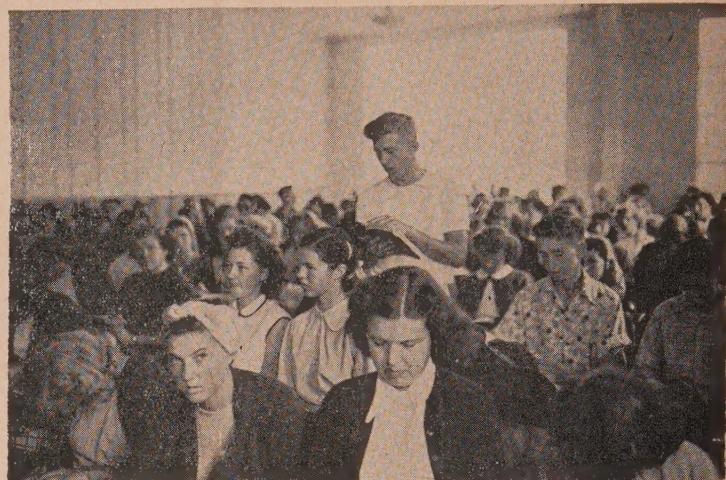
Life, it should be remembered, is a measure to be filled—not a cup to be drained.

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Get Acquainted With the Bible

By Paul Kauffman

(Notes from studies given at the recent youth camp)

The purpose of these studies is to acquaint you with the Bible itself rather than with the contents, to provide the story of how the Bible came down to us in its present form, and to build fresh confidence in the inspiration and divine authorship of the Scriptures.

Does it matter if the Bible is true?
To know that the Bible is true is of supreme importance because if the Bible is not true our faith is vain and we have no reliable information about such important subjects as God, immortality, man, and man's Redeemer. The Bible claims to be divinely inspired. If it is not divinely inspired we must accuse it of lies, and this accusation would make none of the Bible reliable.

We know that the Bible is true. It is well to remember that the Bible does not need to be proved, for it has stood the test of time and experience. It remains, therefore, the responsibility of those who do not believe that the Bible is the Word of God to give proof of their stand. However, in order to provide you with ammunition for your gun in dealing with these who so constantly attack the citadel of the Bible, I give you the following.

The Bible is a revelation from God to man. Such a revelation is desirable. Certainly this world needs to hear from God; it needs a voice of authority. Such a revelation is possible. Even such skeptics as Thomas Paine are forced to admit

YOUTH CAMPERS go for a cruise on Monterey Bay.

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that Almighty God could reveal Himself to man if He so desired. There is evidence that the Bible is of divine authorship.

There is historical evidence. In view of the fact that the Bible was written by some 40 authors, its nature and unity testify to its divine origin. Its very existence in the world today, after centuries of attack, is grand proof.

There is internal evidence. It is human yet divine. It is the story of men, yet it contains thoughts that no human mind could possibly conceive, and it speaks to the hearts of men in this day.

There is experimental evidence. Believe God's Word, act on its precepts, live by its promises, and you will discover for yourself convincing proof that it is THE Word of God. The findings of archaeology and fulfilled prophecy witness to the truth of the Bible.

There are no errors in the Bible. First let us state that we believe: "The Script-
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Launch the New Sunday School Year With An Enlargement Campaign

Soon October will be here, a month more suitable than any other to the enlarging of the Sunday school. By October vacation time is finished, public schools are under way; and because the general summer interruptions are over, it is a time especially adapted to rallying forces and launching a campaign of enlargement.

Again this year outstanding enlargement campaign helps are being offered by the National Sunday School Department. A special enlargement campaign booklet packed with new ideas will soon be available to all pastors and superintendents. In it plans will be given in detail for the month-long campaign. The 1952 theme will challenge every person interested in winning souls—"Take Christ to the DOORWAYS of America." This emphasis upon doorways is certainly in keeping with the ministry of the Master, for He said, "*Behold I stand at the door and knock.*" We, as His followers, can bring the families of America to a knowledge of Him. We can bring Him to the doorways of America.

"Take Christ to the Doorways of America" suggests a four-way challenge to Assemblies of God Sunday schools. Emphasis upon the sub-themes of "Doorways to Evangelism, Faithfulness, Compassion and Expansion" can serve as an impetus for this year's drive to win new members to the Sunday school.

On October 5, Sunday schools across the nation will embark on the campaign with Sunday School Rally Day, using the theme, "Doorway to Evangelism." Christian leaders are agreed that the Sunday school is one of the most important evangelizing agents of the church.

Bringing new prospects into Sunday school is not the only responsibility; however. We can *keep* individuals in our schools only by consistent effort. The second Sunday of enlargement month, October 12, features the "Doorway to Faithfulness."

The Christ Ambassadors have declared October 19 as "Speed-the-Light" Day. On that Sunday the enlargement month emphasis will be "Doorway to Compassion," when the ministry of the Extension Department of the Sunday school will be reviewed.

On the last Sunday of the month, "Doorway to Expansion" will climax the four-week project. Schools will be urged

to gain new pupils, organize new Sunday school classes or departments or open branch Sunday schools.

Last year's enlargement campaign showed the largest response to the campaign since its inauguration in 1949. Last year's theme, "Enlist for Enrollment—Enlarge for Advancement—One Million Calls for Christ," challenged our people to a real visitation program. The total number of *Pentecostal Evangel*s ordered from the Gospel Publishing House came to 932,000. We have every reason to believe that the goal of one million calls was reached. It is expected that even greater results will be seen in this 1952 campaign.



Missions

East Africa

The Wrights

(Paul and Miriam Wright arrived last June back at their mission station in Dowa, Nyasaland.)

It is over a year since we sailed from New York. We had 20 seasickless days across the Atlantic. After passing through customs, we put our feet again on African soil. It was good to be back, but very cold, as it was winter in South Africa.

Traveling through South Africa, we had the privilege of seeing Misses Olsen and Anderson in Basutoland, the John Garlocks, Brother van der Merwe, and some of Paul's family. Our new Speed-the-Light Plymouth station wagon carried us safely and comfortably through Southern and Northern Rhodesia, where we saw the great Victoria Falls. Nearby was a small game reserve. A big giraffe came close to the car to visit. In Tanganyika we visited with Paul's parents, and were they delighted with the new grandson! After a short stay, we went to the Ragnar Udds' station and saw how God is blessing their efforts in the mountains. Finally the day came when we drove into our station—Dowa.

There has been a lot of work to do since our return. Our mud house needed cleaning up, and shortly after we arrived the grass roof caught fire. We quickly got things under control and little damage was done. But the white ants and other insects had done much havoc; so it was decided to build a three-room building to live in temporarily. After the annual conference the Lord helped us to construct the small house with a tin roof so that we had good protection during the rains.

Just a while back we completed a small church with two Sunday school rooms. It is made with mud bricks. That was a job to do during the rains. We are sincerely thankful for the Christmas offerings, for we confess we used them to help. The total cost was \$150. The roof is part tin, grass and tiles. Pray it will be a Pentecostal blessing in this community.

There are a lot of wild animals about. Paul shot a leopard one night. Another was close to the house. The pigs are destroying the crops, the baboons keep the natives busy chasing them, and the buck are eating the vegetables in our garden.

Our friends at home have amazed our friends in this country. As we show them the big gifts that were given us their eyes pop out. They can hardly believe there is such a wealth of generosity. As we tell them about the frig, the washing machine, the clothes, the soft pillows, the jars of fruit, the tools, and other things too numerous to mention, they say, "We wish we knew your friends." We wish they did too, but especially

knew of the love of Jesus that warms your hearts to do these things for us. We feel so undeserving of your many kindnesses. We pray we shall be faithful in doing our part to serve you in this section of Africa.

Our greatest happiness is in serving Him, and He has opened many doors. Five new outstations have been started. The people are hungry for the Word and 16 of them have been saved. We have started native Sunday schools and they are responding well. The native hospitals afford grand opportunities for witnessing. Another term of Bible school here has been completed. We are in need of more trained workers. Pray that our native brethren will have vision for their own people.

India

Edwards

(Sister Eileen Edwards returned to North India early this year. This time on the field she is stationed at Gandhi Nagar, Dhanbad, Bihar.)



How I thank God for bringing me back to India. I love my work and am so very happy in it. It has been very thrilling to see Him moving in our midst in the saving of souls. While I was alone on the station, during the hot season, God gave me three souls, among them a Catholic lady whom He graciously delivered from the habit of smoking to which she had been a slave for 32 years.

She has suffered much persecution, but she is so happy in the Lord we have no fear that she will turn back. Her husband, a drunkard, has now started coming to the services.

You would love my little Indian Sunday school children. They are darlings. When I have them sitting on the floor before me, with their little brown faces looking expectantly into mine, they never fail to present a challenge to the depths of my heart.

We hold our services, both Sunday schools, and other meetings on the veranda of the little Indian house that is our home. It is not large enough to accommodate the people who come to our Sunday services and it is most inconvenient during the rains and hot season. So we are looking to the Lord to provide for a little chapel.

I thank God for the privilege of being up in the mountains for a little respite

from the intense heat of the plains and to be where I can enjoy the fellowship with other missionaries, as well as to take time to wait on the Lord. I also am doing some advanced study of the Hindu language. One forgets a great deal when one is out of the country for four years as I was.

Samoa

Luces

(Brother and Sister M. H. Luce are in Pago Pago, American Samoa.)

Like many places in the world, Samoa is now undergoing an economic change, which increases the problems of our people and affects the missionaries as well. Surely we are living in the last days before Jesus comes, and what we do must be done quickly.

Many of our young men are finding opportunities for farm employment in California, near San Jose. Some are attending church now in the homeland. The temptations are great. However, we know you will join with us in prayer for their continued growth in grace. These islands of American Samoa now have over 8,000 children to reach with the gospel, besides the adults that are left. That sounds like a few, but in Samoa it is many because of customs, superstitions, and sin. We are glad to have a part in this great work of the Lord.

We are asking you to join in prayer with us for an immediate need. Last January this island had very heavy winds which destroyed the scanty crops. Previous to that time we had eight months of very dry weather. At this time there are only a few coconuts and taro for the people. We haven't had local produce for months; everything must come from the stores at a very high price. When the native foods are low, rice is substituted, but now there is no rice, no sugar, and no flour or eggs on the island. Do pray with us that through this experience the people of Samoa will earnestly seek God and realize how we need Him to help us in all of our ways. We are willing to sacrifice and suffer if needs be if only these people can be awakened from their self-sufficient, satisfied existence. We are unable to start our brick making, and all other work must be discontinued as there is no food to feed the young men who donate their labor. This food shortage will set our building program back at a time when we are so anxious to go ahead.

It means much to know that there are those who are faithful in holding the banner high.

New Missionary Interest

On June 10, the day Brother and Sister Clyde Shields were celebrating their fifth anniversary in the mission field, little Charlotte Grace joined the family circle in Santa Maria, Ilocos Sur, Philippine Islands. She is the third child in the family.

Here and There

AMADOR CITY—Sister Lillian Hamilton has resigned as pastor. The new pastor is Ray Riddlesperger of Arkansas.

ARBUCKLE—Brother W. P. Rutledge has resigned the pastorate. Leaving early in August, he returned to Texas, where he expects to do evangelistic work.

ARCATA—Pastor H. L. Pickard reports having two weeks of revival meetings in July with Evangelist Z. P. Miller. Some were at the altar for salvation and three received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

ATWATER—Pastor Otto Schmidt reports: "The Evangelaires were with us in one of the greatest revivals Atwater has ever had. A good number were saved and several received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Many were refilled and renewed their consecration. One man of another denomination, who came night after night, testifies that at home he awoke about two o'clock in the morning speaking in other tongues."

BENICIA—Brother Joe H. Harper has resigned as pastor. Brother W. E. Kern has been chosen to be the new pastor.

CUPERTINO—The Peninsula section fellowship meeting was held there August 11. The afternoon speaker was E. R. Gomes, Evangelist Wm. Hance brought the evening message. The pastor of Monte Vista Assembly of God is Eugene Lawrence.

DELHI—Brother B. H. Givens has resigned as pastor effective September 14. He and Sister Givens will be open for evangelistic calls after that. Their address will be P. O. Box 381, Live Oak, California.

GUERNEVILLE—Brother Walter E. Smith has resigned the pastorate, closing

his ministry there July 25. The church has chosen Brother George Hunter to serve as pastor.

HEALDSBURG—While Pastor George Effman was away on vacation in August, Brother Walter E. Smith supplied the pulpit.

HIGHWAY CITY—The South San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held there July 28. Pastor Charles H. Miller of Tranquility was the afternoon speaker. Evangelist N. B. Rayburn of Oklahoma was the evening speaker. Brother Redding of Sebastopol is the new pastor.

HOLLISTER—Pastor James C. Merwin reports that Evangelist Paul Keith, former pastor in Coalinga, held two weeks of very good revival meetings there from July 13 to 27. From the very first service there was a real stir, visitors from other churches receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Five were baptized during the meetings and many made new consecrations.

MODESTO (Full Gospel)—Brother Geo. E. Elrod of Tracy is the new pastor of the assembly on Tully Road. He succeeds Brother Wm. T. McMullan.

NEWMAN—Brother Wilburn Harris is the new pastor, succeeding Brother Lester MacDonald.

PINEDALE—Brother Edward Byram has resigned as pastor.

QUINCY—Evangelists Julia Peterson and Ruth Bertenshaw conducted a youth crusade and a Teachers' Training Course there in July for Pastor M. M. York.

RODEO—The Contra Costa section fellowship meeting was held there with Pastor L. E. Cruncleton on August 11.

SAN BRUNO—The Boardman Sisters held a very successful vacation Bible school for Pastor Ivan Chapman in July.

SAUSALITO—The church was host to the North Bay fellowship meeting held there August 18 in Perry's Hall on Caledonia Street. The afternoon speaker was Pastor C. E. Curtright of South San Francisco. Evangelist Paul Radley, then in a revival campaign in Sausalito, was the evening speaker. The pastor is O. A. Robertson.

SOQUEL—The Coast Counties fellowship meetings was held there July 28, the Three Springs church, now known as the Loma Prieta Assembly, joining with the Soquel church as host. The afternoon and evening speakers respectively were Brother George Fletcher of Santa Cruz and Pastor E. E. Stump of Gilroy. The pastor of the Loma Prieta church, situated in the Santa Cruz mountains, is Fred Howe. Sister Elizabeth Mehringer, now Mrs. Richardson, is the pastor.

STOCKTON (Calvary)—Back in California after being in meetings in the Middle West since April, Brother Charles Senechal held a week of children's revival meetings for Pastor L. H. Rogers from August 17 to 23. The Griffin-Hobbs evangelistic party held a youth revival for one week beginning August 24. Calvary Tabernacle has purchased property adjoining the parsonage. A large house, the building will be used for a youth center and evangelist's quarters, as well as provide additional Sunday school rooms. The church property now has over a half block of frontage on Stanislaus Street.

WATERFORD—Evangelist W. T. McMullan held revival meetings with Pastor C. J. Brown from July 13 to 20.

WILLITS—The new pastor, chosen to succeed Brother E. A. North, is Brother Donald Morrow of Williams.



SACRAMENTO'S BETHEL TEMPLE had an unusually good vacation Bible school in June under the direction of Pastor Clyde Henson and Miss Maxine Mitchell, Director of Christian Education. With the help of 88 other workers, they had a school with an enrollment of 530 and an average attendance of 408. A large number of unchurched boys and girls were reached for God; 117 of them had not previously attended any Sunday school. A large staff of workers is doing follow-up visitation in the homes.



THE GLAD TIDINGS CHURCH OF SAN LEANDRO early in the summer season had a fried chicken dinner in celebration of their successful Sunday school drive. The losing team was host to the winners. The church is engaged in a building program. Eight new classrooms and a prayer room are being added. Work will soon start on the new main building. At its completion the present building will become the C. A. hall. Pastor Cecil M. Robeck has been there for the past five years.

Personal Mention

Brother ERNEST ESKELIN, for nearly three years in evangelistic meetings in the Middle West and South, since he left California, is settling into a pastorate. He is beginning a new work in New Orleans, a church group of about 300 resulting from large tent meetings in the city. In a rented building for a short time, they are purchasing a building for \$75,000. To be known as Airline Tabernacle, just off Airline Highway, the building has an auditorium which will seat 500, a good apartment, and several Sunday school rooms.

Evangelist LLOYD L. SMITH was in revival meetings in Washington in June.

The BOARDMAN SISTERS are back in the District and are open for calls for church visitation and Teachers' Training Courses. Their address is Box 283, Lincoln, California.

Wedding Bells

A wedding ceremony in Calvary Church, Salinas, Saturday evening, August 2, united in marriage Mrs. Elizabeth Mehringer and Mr. Claude Richardson, both of Soquel. They will make their home in the Richardson home near Soquel and Mrs. Richardson will carry on her work as pastor of the assembly in that community.

In a beautiful setting arranged in Bethel Church, Modesto, Donald Weston, Jr., and Marcia Ensley exchanged marriage vows on Saturday evening, July 19.

New Arrival

Sorry this news is late:

The L. A. Constants are grandparents; so are the Ernest Adams. Little Janice Lavonne Adams arrived April 7 in Modesto. Dean and Jean Adams are the happy parents. Janice's daddy is a son of the pastor of the Airport Assembly in Modesto. Her mother is the youngest daughter of the pastors of Bethel Chapel in Santa Cruz.

FOR SALE—Two used 32-passenger school buses, \$100 each. These are priced so the buyer can afford to work them over where needed and paint them. They are good transportation anywhere but in the mountains.

FOR SALE—'38 Chevrolet truck, 1½ ton. Flat bed.

The above vehicles may be seen at Bethany Park. Write K. M. Haystead, Bus. Mgr., P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz.

MAN WANTED: Glad Tidings Temple in San Francisco wishes to secure someone to serve as janitor and building custodian. Anyone interested should contact Pastor L. R. Keys, 1441 Ellis Street, San Francisco. Phone Fillmore 6-6171.

GOD'S TOMORROW

They tell us of God's tomorrow,
Of a land that is fairer than day,
Where the sorrows of earth are forgotten
And tears are all wiped away.

They tell us of flowers unfading,
Of streets that are paved with pure gold.
No need of the sun in that city,
For God is the light, I am told.

When life's weary tasks are all ended
And life's sun sinking low in the west,
We hear a sweet whisper at twilight,
Child come unto Me and find rest.

In that city of gold, God's tomorrow,
Where His glory outshines the sun,
There the saints of all ages will gather
To praise Him when life's day is done.
—Lillian I. Gibbs

A Christian, as a candle, must keep cool and burn at the same time.

Much may be known of a man's character by what incites his laughter.—Goethe

A Christian had rather save his soul than his hide.

Get Acquainted With Bible

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tures as originally given were absolutely infallible and inerrant, and that our English translations are a substantially accurate translation of the Scriptures as originally given." The difficulties in regard to the Bible text stem from one or more of the following factors: our English translations, false interpretations, defective knowledge of Bible history and time. The Bible deals with the infinite; our minds are finite. Thus the so-called errors which are cited dissolve under careful prayerful research.

Does science and the Bible agree? The Bible does not agree with many of the beliefs, theories, teachings and claims of some of today's scientists. But true science is facts. And the Bible does not disagree with any of the proven facts of science.

The Bible is dynamic. No other book or writing in history has so affected the course of the world's history as has the Bible. Certainly it has been proven by the test of time that "the entrance of Thy word giveth light." A nation without the Bible is a dark nation; a world without the Bible would be a dark world. Hold the Bible high; believe it and preach it. Let it become the central figure of your life.

I Am the Door

George Adam Smith often told how once, when he was traveling in the East, he fell into conversation with a shepherd. Near by was a simple sheepfold—a stone enclosure with a gap in the wall as an entrance. He remarked to the shepherd that there was no door to the fold. "Oh," said the shepherd, "I am the door." He went on to explain that when the sheep were safely in the fold he would lie down in the gateway.

Our Lord Jesus Himself had seen eastern shepherds guarding their flocks in this way, and thus used it as a parable of the protection which men may find through Him. Jesus is the door through which men find their true refuge. "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

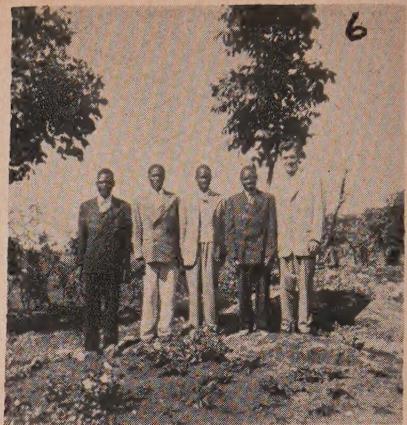
But the door is not merely the symbol of refuge and sanctuary. There is no suggestion in the parable that the sheep remain in the fold. Indeed, on the contrary, Jesus speaks of them going in and out. The door is the symbol of freedom. As Henry van Dyke has said, "The door which only opens one way is not a door but a trap." Christ is the door, but not a door to shut in, or to shut us out, for once a man enters into life through Christ he knows the glorious liberty of the sons of God." He discovers what freedom really is. He goes in and out and finds pasture.



1. Two notion dolls sent by WMC groups to the Goins in Lihue, Hawaii. Jannell and Clydene are wearing WMC dresses.



Women's Missionary Council Emblem
Motto: We Minister as unto Christ
Scripture: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Ecc. 9:10



2. Brother Albert Kehr looks happy in the Chevrolet our WMC helped him pray for as request was made when he and Sister Kehr went to Honolulu to work with Chinese in Brother Vincent's church.

3. There are orphans in many parts of the world such as these that WMCs can clothe and make happy. These are children in Eva Vanderboult's orphanage in the Philippines.

4. Three red wagons sent to Anna Tomaseck's orphanage in North India by the Westwood WMC. It is very apparent the children are enjoying their gifts.

5. Hong Kong VBS pupil colors her lesson sheet under the direction of Sister Marjorie Baker. WMCs can help supply Sunday School cutouts and flannelgraph backgrounds, also work books for primary and junior children.

6. Brother Paul Wright and boys from Bible school in Nyasaland, East Africa. Have you wondered what becomes of the used clothing you give to the missionaries? Read what Mrs. Wright says about it: "I have sent a snap of our Bible School boys. You'll see what a fine looking group they are. So nicely dressed up too. You know why? Because of the used clothing we took from the WMC at camp meeting. We've told the preachers of your kindness and they have asked us to thank you most sincerely. Are they ever proud of these things and we're mighty glad to see our men dressed in nice clean clothes so as not to be a reproach to the gospel."

Ministry of Word

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what they had to say. Old Testament Scriptures were focused upon Him. It is written in 1 Corinthians 1:21, "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" Titus 1:3, "In due time manifested His Word through preaching." The reality of this truth weighed upon their hearts to the place where it engrossed their interests and required their undistracted attention. There was a divine sacred calling, something that angels could not do, something other men could not minister. They must give themselves continually to it.

There is a majesty and power about the Word, even when delivered by a halting, lisping tongue, that can never be found in the most gifted magnetism of human eloquence. Psalm 107:20 says the Word healed and delivered. Even before the cross, the centurion exclaimed to Jesus, "But speak the word only and my servant shall be healed." It contains a potency and a power when anointed of the Holy Spirit that can sweep aside all forces and emerge triumphant in every conflict. Hallelujah!

In 2 Corinthians 3 there is a passage extolling the glory of the ministry of the Word. What glory it is when the greatness of the Word is considered. It was the word of creation (Heb. 1:2), and is now the word of life (John 6:63), the word of power, and the word of authority (John 5:17-29). The world marvels at atomic energy. God has something greater for His people. By His Word someday the world, with all its scientists, scholars, great men, and rulers, is going to be judged (Acts 17:31; John 12:48). Revelation 19:11-16 gives the soul-thrilling picture of one riding on a white horse and coming in judgment, and His name is called the Word of God. Things temporal will crumble and vanish, that Word will abide forever.

Yet with all the glory thereof, the eternal God ordains that the Word which He magnifies above His name (Psalm 139:2) is to be ministered by weak, frail humanity. It is affirmed in 2 Corinthians 4:7 (Weymouth's translation) that such a *treasure* is held in "earthen pots." How can it be? It staggers the mind, but, nevertheless, "it hath pleased God" to commit a ministry of the Word. May the servants thereof ever walk humbly and softly and in awe of its majesty.

Love thyself less and less, and love thy God more.

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God's Word is His revealed will to us.

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Liberty devoid of righteousness becomes lasciviousness.

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The ladder of life is full of splinters, which we never feel until we begin to slide down.

Godliness is Profitable

Godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.—1 Tim. 4:8.

To the text is affixed the statement, "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance," a remark thrice made elsewhere. It is added to the assurance that Christ came to save sinners, to the remark that if we suffer with Him we shall reign with Him, and to the declaration of salvation by grace. And yet the need of good works. Religion is represented not only as obligatory, but as advantageous, so much so as to claim the attention and acceptance of all. Admit the immortality of the soul, and reason acquiesces in the advantage of piety so far as the future world is concerned. Were not reason blinded by sin, it would judge the same as to this life. But piety is often thought a preventive of pleasure and profit. Paul combats this. The early church took the spoiling of their goods with joyfulness and desired not to exchange places with the richest of their godless contemporaries, as Paul intimated before Agrippa.

Essential godliness is everywhere the same, being in subjection to the divine law: love of, and delight in, God. But human and angelic godliness differ in adjuncts. Angels are not conscious of sin as we are, nor do they need to exercise patience under affliction or watchfulness against temptation. Paul speaks not of the form, but of the power of godliness. A verbal declaration of fealty is of little worth without a life in harmony with it.

To substantiate the profitableness of piety in the life which now is, notice, first, the exemptions it secures from vices fatal to health. Of course, where life is disciplinary, the "many afflictions" that come to the righteous form a part of their culture for heaven, and so far are blessings. But piety preserves health in creating a distaste for many fashionable follies that squander time, invade the hours of sleep, waste money and cause disease which brings to an untimely and unhallowed tomb. It insures safety from the intoxicating cup, which is the source of individual and social suffering and of so many crimes.

Godliness is a corrective to destroying passions; to envy, which is "rotteness to the bones;" to jealousy, which robs one of peace of mind; to the vaulting ambition which knows no content; and to that wretched avarice which ever cries, "More, more!" Knowing that life consisteth not in the things we possess, the Christian looks not to material wealth or high position for satisfaction. In gain or loss, joy or grief, he says, "Good is the Lord: Good when He gives, supremely good; nor less when He denies."

Disquietude oftener comes from ap-

prehension of trouble than from its realization. Dread of poverty embitters the cup of the rich man, and the fear of sickness and death frightens the person in health who is unprepared to die. The Christian casts his cares on God, is not afraid of evil tidings, and has a peace that passeth understanding. The sting of death is removed. Death is attractive even, for it closes his trials and opens heaven.

Then there are the joys of religion in the closet, family sanctuary, or the presence of Jesus in the exigencies of life. Outside of all these the Christian has great advantage over the ungodly. Many who have begun the year without it, realize the profitableness of religion. Her ways are ways of pleasantness and peace; she carries away the palm from all competitors. She opens to the young a peaceful and useful life, with the companionship of Him whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light. Believe God's testimony, that of His Word, His Spirit, and the voice of conscience, by all of which He is seeking to draw you to Himself.

—J. J. C. (Sel.)

If you want to be distressed, look within.
If you want to be defeated, look back.
If you want to be distracted, look around.
If you want to be dismayed, look ahead.
If you want to be delivered, look to Christ.
If you want to be delighted, look up.

A man's religion never shouts very loud when the mouth of his pocketbook is shut.

Keeps Me Busy Watching Me

It is easy to be critic
Of my neighbor and his ways;
To find fault with all his actions
When he works and when he plays.

But I'm kept so very busy
Guarding my own life, and so
I have not the time to follow
Everywhere that he might go.

To be judge of others' actions
Make one's ego swell with pride;
Just to scrutinize their business,
See the things they try to hide.

But my faults are weighing heavy,
Imperfection's all I see;
Have no time to judge my neighbors—
Keeps me busy watching me.

So, dear Lord, I am so thankful
I'm no saint with halo's glow,
Just a poor forgiven sinner
Living daily here below.

Finding every day a battle
To be fought—a prize to win;
Just an ordinary mortal,
But forgiven of my sin.

O. R. B.—Sel.

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